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SUBJ: GEISEL VISIT TO BONN -- ECONOMIC ASPECTS

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1. ON THE ECONOMIC SIDE, GEISEL'S ENTOURAGE INCLUDED THE MINISTERS OF TRADE, FINANCE AND PLANNING AND ENERGY (CALMON DE SA, SIMONSEN, VELLOSO, AND UEKI, RESPECTIVELY). IN BONN THEY MET WITH FRG ECONOMICS MINISTER LAMBSDORFF AND LATER IN A ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION WITH FINANCE MINISTER MATTHOEFER, ECONOMIC COOPERATION MINISTER OFFERGELD AND RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY MINISTER HAUFF.

2. DISCUSSIONS AT THE ECONOMICS MINISTRY CENTERED ON INVESTMENT PROBLEMS. (THE FRG IS THE SECOND LARGEST FOREIGN INVESTOR IN BRAZIL, TOTALLING OVER DM 4 BILLION AS OF DECEMBER 1977.) SPECIFIC PROBLEMS RAISED BY THE GERMANS WERE IN THE AREAS OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER
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AND INVESTMENT CREDITS. FRG FIRMS HAVE COMPLAINED THAT PATENTS ARE VALID FOR ONLY FIVE YEARS IN BRAZIL AND THAT LICENSING FEES ARE TOO LOW. INVESTMENT CREDITS MADE AVAILABLE BY THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT ARE ONLY FOR DOMESTIC FIRMS BUYING FROM OTHER DOMESTIC FIRMS. THE BRAZILIANS COUNTERED THESE ARGUMENTS BY POINTING OUT THAT, DESPITE THESE RESTRICTIONS, GERMANS

CONTINUE TO INVEST.

3. THE ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION WAS GENERAL -- THE DOLLAR, PROTECTIONISM, GENERALIZED DEBT RELIEF. DR UEKI EXPLAINED THE BRAZILIAN ENERGY PLANS, CALLING FOR SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN PETROLEUM BY 1980 AND 10 PERCENT OF ENERGY CONSUMPTION TO BE FILLED BY NUCLEAR POWER IN 1985. THE GERMANS ARE DUBIOUS. MEEHAN

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